


Concluding Remarks

Claims 1-48 were pending, and claims 17-22, 31-36, and 41-42 were indicated as being allowable. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 17 such that claim 12 and its dependents are now allowable. In order to expedite prosecution at this time and without conceding to the correctness of the Office Action, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-11, 17, 23-30, 37-40, and 43-48 without prejudice. Applicants request that a Notice of Allowability be provided for claims 12-16, 18-22, 31-36, and 41-42.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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